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**DOWNTOWN
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SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2025
7.30 PM - 9.00 PM

Freight & Salvage Theater
2020 Addison Street
Downtown Berkeley

2025 HEADLINER EVENT

Writing as the Other Panelists



Pulitzer winner **VIET THANH NGUYEN** once said, "I am a refugee, an American, and a human being, which is important to proclaim, as there are many who think these identities cannot be reconciled." In an era of constant "other-ing," Nguyen, whose introduction to the U.S. came in the form of a refugee camp in Pennsylvania when he was four, knows what it is to be an outsider. His new book, *To Save And To Destroy: Writing As Another*, based on a series of six [lectures at Harvard](#), asks "what is the relationship between the role of the outsider and literary writing?"



In this event, he'll be joined by two other brilliant outsiders: **GREG SARRIS**, Chairman of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and celebrated author of fiction and memoir (*Becoming Story*), delves into complexities of belonging and identity as a Native American; and novelist **TARA DORABJI**, the daughter of Parsi-Indian and German-Italian migrants is the other remarkable voice. Her debut novel, *Call Her Freedom*, won the Simon & Schuster Books Like Us Grand Prize. Dorabji's documentary film series on human rights defenders in Kashmir won accolades at film festivals throughout Asia and the USA.



At the Saturday headliner event, they will explore "outsiderhood" through lenses that are literary, historical, political, and familial.

This Event is Co-sponsored by the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and SACHI, Society for Art & Cultural Heritage of India.

Book Signing:
Green Apple Books at the Venue

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Book Festival Programs
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Ticketing Fee: \$20 per person

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<https://www.baybookfest.org/session/writing-as-an-other/>



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